



St John the Baptist, Catford & Downham Team Ministry

# The Conversion Of St Paul

25<sup>th</sup> January 2026



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## Hymns:

- ♫ Processional- 372
- ♫ Gradual- 198
- ♫ Offertory- 529
- ♫ Communion- 107
- How lovely are the messengers: Felix Mendelssohn
- ♫ Recessional- On this sheet
- ♫ Voluntary- Overture to 'St. Paul': Felix Mendelssohn, arr. WT Best

## Collect

Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## 1<sup>st</sup> reading: Jeremiah 1.4-10

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

4 The word of the LORD came to me saying,

5 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.'

6 Then I said, 'Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.'

7 But the LORD said to me, 'Do not say, "I am only a boy"; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you,

8 Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.'

9 Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, 'Now I have put my words in your mouth.'

10 See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.'

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 67

### Refrain:

Let the people praise thee, O God:  
**yea, let all the people praise thee.**

1 GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us: and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us:

2 That thy way may be known upon earth: thy saving health among all nations. **R**

3 Let the people praise thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise thee.

4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad: for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. **R**

5 Let the people praise thee, O God: let all the people praise thee.

6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase: and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.

7 God shall bless us: and all the ends of the world shall fear him. **R**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> reading: Galatians 1.11-16a

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians.

11 I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin;

12 for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

13 You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it.

14 I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors.

15 But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased

16 to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being.

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### Gospel: Matthew 19.27-30

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew.

**Glory to you O, Lord.**

<sup>27</sup> Peter said to Jesus:  
'Look, we have left everything and followed you.  
What then will we have?'

<sup>28</sup> Jesus said to them,  
'Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things,  
when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory,  
you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones,  
judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

<sup>29</sup> And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields,  
for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold,  
and will inherit eternal life.

<sup>30</sup> But many who are first will be last,  
and the last will be first.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Last Hymn

<sup>1</sup>A heavenly splendour from on high,  
a light too great for mortal eye,  
deprives the hunter of his prey  
and turns his threatening wrath away.

<sup>2</sup>In darkened eyes, an inward light  
begins to shine upon his sight,  
as in his heart he hears the call  
to follow, and surrender all.

<sup>3</sup>The Christ, for sinners crucified,  
whose risen power he had denied,  
now claims this servant for his own,  
and bids him make the gospel known.

<sup>4</sup>The nations listen to his voice,  
and in the peace of Christ rejoice;  
the Church on earth his praises sing,  
who led the Gentiles to their King.

<sup>5</sup>Blest Paul, the convert of the Lord,  
may heaven's light to us afford  
a blindness to the lures of sin,  
that we with thee a crown may win

<sup>6</sup>To God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit, Three in One,  
from saints on earth and saints in heaven,  
let everlasting praise be given.

### Church Diary

**Prayer Chapel** open:

Weekdays 7.30am-5.30pm

Weekends: 9.30am-5.30pm

**The Conversion of St Paul** (25<sup>th</sup>)

10.30am Sung Mass

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Timothy & Titus

7.30am Morning Prayer (MP)

5pm Evensong (ES)

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>

7.30am MP. No said Mass today

5pm ES

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>

Thomas Aquinas, teacher, 1274

7.30am MP.

10am Said Requiem Mass for Fr

Martin, followed by Bible study.

5pm ES.

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>

7.30am MP.

1pm Senior Social Club. 5pm ES.

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Charles I, king, 1649

7.30am MP. 1pm Recital.

**The Eve of Candlemas** (1<sup>st</sup> Feb)

10.30am Sung Mass with Children's

Church & Youth Church

### Prayers

For healing and protection for: Shea, Pelu Thomas, Alison Marrett, Dwayne, Eric, Annie, Beverley, Glyn, Drew Spikes, Ruth Bennett, Bilki, Marcel, Leila, Theresa, Valerie Stevenson.

For those departed this life, including Elsie Birkby, Kim, Betty Keehne, Theresa Olisa, Fr Martin Thomas, and those with an anniversary of a death at this time including Albert Betts & Charles Joseph

### Notices

**Fr Martin's funeral** is on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Jan.

I am funeral mass at St Thomas' church, Wells

12.30/45 burial (close family only)

12.30 refreshments in central Wells, venue tbc. All welcome!

**If you have any memories of Fr Martin** you'd like shared at the funeral, speak to Rev'd Peter.

**St John's school Quiz,**

27<sup>th</sup> February, 7pm. £5 a person raising funds for the school.

Soft drinks on sale (cash only), bring your own booze and snacks. Max 6 in a team.

**Save the date!** St John's will feature on **Dog's Behaving Very Badly** on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 8pm on Channel 5 and their streaming service My5.

**Foodbank donations**

Can be left in the collection bins outside the hall, or in the crate at the back of church. All non-perishable donations welcome.

### Any queries contact:

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